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*COVER: This is a daily scene in the Cashiers Department. On Pages 3 and 4, there is a story highlighting Procedures in the department. Bill Flagg, from Guy Marvin Armored Car, Inc., signs the receipt book for the day's pick-up as BC-BS cashier Doralee Dougherty looks on.*

## That HAUNTING Hallowe'en

Though it's old hat to believe that ghosts walk the earth on October 31, the approach of the Hallowe'en season still sends a chill down many an adult spine. What will the kids do this year? Some lucky people only have to worry about soapsmeared windows or a pat on the back with a chalk-filled stocking. But parents must plan parties, provide costumes and in general keep the more savage instincts of their young under control.

Cheer up. When Hallowe'en belonged to the grown-ups, it was a much rougher game.

The festivities go back at least 2,000 years. The last day of the year on the old pagan calendar, October 31, served the triple purpose of bidding good-bye to summer, welcoming winter and remembering the dead. The Irish built tremendous bonfires on hilltops to offer encouragement to the waning sun and to provide a warm welcome for the

visiting spirits of dead kinfolk. Superstition had it that Samhain, god of the dead, sat waiting by the fire to catch the approaching souls and turn them into animal form. Wickedest of the ghosts were metamorphosed into cats--which is how the black feline entered the Hallowe'en picture. Later, of course, black cats became known as witches' familiars, thus enhancing their spooky reputation.

More fearful of spooks than spouses, folks began hollowing out turnips and pumpkins and placing lighted candles inside to scare evil spirits from the house. Why was the result called a jack-o'-lantern? Tradition says that an Irish Jack, too wicked for heaven and expelled from hell for playing practical jokes on the devil, was condemned to walk the earth with a lantern forevermore.

Few apple-bobbers realize what an ancient game they play--or how rugged the sport used to be. During the  
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*Clara Rose and her two and a half year old son, Skipper, get an early start on carving out a pumpkin for Halloween. Clara is in our Surgical Claims Department.*



# PERFECT ATTENDANCE

She's never missed a day of work since she's been working at BC-BS, never even been late, or taken an afternoon off to go to the doctor. If ever an award is made for perfect attendance, Frances Tiffany, from our Transfer Department, would win it hands down.

We realize there are other employees who have a good attendance record, according to the Personnel Records, but Frances is the only one who hasn't missed a day, since she began work here 14 months ago.



Before coming to work here, Frances was employed at a company for three and a half years, where she missed only three days during that time.

This practice of being on time isn't anything new to Frances. She said she practiced it even during her school days in Spokane, Washington. Frances says she will have to admit there have been mornings she'd rather stay in bed, but she keeps pushing ahead. During her first three months at BC-BS, she walked back and forth to work, but she was still never late.

Those who know Frances personally know she is quite a creative person. She especially enjoys interior decorating, which she practices in her four room apartment at 2056 Post Street. On her recent vacation, she repainted the kitchen. When first moving into her apartment, four years ago, Frances did her own mixing and application of the paint.

At the end of this interview, Frances, laughingly said, "I'll probably be sick tomorrow."

*Here we see Frances Tiffany on the job, as she has been ever since coming to Blue Cross-Blue Shield 14 months ago. Frances has never been late or missed a day that whole time.*



*Above we see members of the busy Cashiers Department. Grouped around Jack Baker, Department Manager, is his able staff. Left to right the girls include Mickey Williams, JoAnn Verlanic, Doralee Dougherty, Mary Hayes, and Carlene Brannan.*

## A VISIT WITH CASHIERS

If you are looking for the Cashiers Department, it's up there on the second floor, in the northwest corner of our building. You won't find stacks of money in the corner, but there is a good supply of adding machine tapes which do represent money coming into Blue Cross-Blue Shield. The staff of nine can rattle off an adding machine tape with the best of them. Mr. Baker, Jack, to most anyone who has had a chance to talk to him more than five minutes, is department manager.

This is one department which has no need of pending file, as the work is handled on a daily basis. The disposition of checks and money orders received has to be complete at the end of each day. They don't

put left-over work under a blotter, to be sure.

With 132,288 Direct Pay subscribers sending in a quarterly check four times year, and 5,950 groups making their payments mostly on a monthly basis, you get some notion of the volume of work that goes through the Cashiers Department. Every remittance that comes to the office is channeled through here.

For an inside view of the cashiers at work, let's take a company's check for BC-BS protection. The check comes in with a copy of our invoice and the company's adjustment sheets on which they tell us all additions to the group, changes of status, deletions, etc. Here is where

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the adding machines begin to hum as the department reconciles invoice against check. All checks for the day are "batched" together and proved on the adding machines against all invoices for the day. Records of this work are sent to the IBM Department for income and statistical purposes. IBM key punches this information into IBM cards for retention of information. It is from this information that our actuarial studies are made.

The adjustment sheets and invoice that come with the check go to the Group Billing Department. This information tells the Billing Department what the next bill to the company should be.

Daily, the armored car picks up our deposit at the Cashiers Department, and takes it to the banks where BS-BC have their accounts. With the Claims Department paying bigger claims at an ever increasing volume, we can look with appreciation on the hum of the adding machines from Cashiers reconciling income to replenish what our Claims Department pays out. In the first six months of this year, Hospital Claims alone paid out 58,273 claims totaling \$ 8,105,275.99.

On the human side, the folks in Cashiers get a kick out of the ever present element called human nature. Some of the excuses and reasons people give as to why their check was returned for insufficient funds help the department stay aware that 858,000 subscribers out there are not just 858,000 statistics, but very human, human beings.



David Lawrence  
Services



Jenette Bell  
Billing



Sunny Moore  
Records



Janie Richardson  
Contracts

## Twelve New Employees In September



Fred Higginbotham  
Representative



Mattie Lou Mosley  
Cashiers



Reba Trainor  
Transfers



Patsy Chaffins  
Hospital Claims



Betty Willis  
Billing



Rachel Holcombe  
Re-hire  
Surgical Claims



Dorothy Pement  
Transfers



Bobby Fields  
Services



# SP11 PERSONALITIES



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Ever thought you might like to have a different face?

Well, here's your opportunity to see how some BC-BS employees look after a little "editor licensing." Just for fun see if you can name your fellow employees who make up these faces. Check your answers on page 23.



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As most of you know, Betty Pangle, Subscribers Service, was rushed to the hospital August 5, with an aneurysm (ruptured blood vessel in the brain). Betty has requested that this letter be run, in order to give thanks to all BC-BS employees.

September 20, 1959

Dear Editor:

Would you be so kind as to convey my thoughts and thanks to all the employees at Blue Cross-Blue Shield? Because I was in the hospital so long, and with so many caring for me, some of your messages and gift cards have gotten away from me. I don't want to forget anyone, and would like each of you to consider this my personal message to you.

"How shall I count the ways....." While part of my life has been lost, to me, most of that month I spent in the hospital, I have found so many friends I did not know I had. Often, when disaster strikes, we question why. You will remember our family was vacationing in North Carolina, when we were called home because our house had been robbed. If we had been up there, when my illness hit me, I may not have been able to get the immediate care I needed, such as oxygen, that helped to save my life.

Then, your cards, gifts, flowers, and most of all your prayers came my way to give me courage to continue my fight. And I am winning that fight! In the two weeks I've been home, with the constant care and help of my husband, mother, and daughter, I am now walking. I know it will take time, but I know I will regain the use of my right arm and normal vision.

I am also thankful that out of a hospital bill of \$1,100.00, Blue Cross paid all but \$70.00, and Blue Shield paid their maximum. I can't forget either that if you had not given your blood, I would not have been able to have the blood for my transfusion free of charge from our own Blood Bank.

Your continuing messages to me at home keep up my spirits and make me determined that I am going to get well enough to come back to work. I love my work, how much more I now look forward to the day when I will be back, an active member of the wonderful "family" and organization.

Sincerely yours,

Betty Pangle

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR



## Your Telephone Manners



Careful the way you answer that telephone! It is the door-way to Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Callers will judge you and BC-BS by the welcome they receive and the helpfulness of your telephone attitude.

Some hints that will prove helpful in telephone conversations are:

1. Answer calls promptly and give name.
2. Speak pleasantly and always be courteous and helpful.
3. Always be sure to dial correctly. If you dial incorrectly, wait until the person answers and explain what happened.
4. If a person needs information, offer to find out and call him back or transfer him to another department if necessary.....and explain what you are doing.
5. If you receive a call for someone else, offer to take the number if the person is out, or if he is in, cover the receiver before you call him and don't yell.
6. When laying down the receiver or hanging it up, do it gently.
7. Always picture the other person you are talking with and talk to him as you would face to face.
8. Remember, your voice is all the fellow "sees."



Sandra Cochran, Telephone Information, knows from daily experiences the importance of good telephone manners.



## Prayer

*Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself,  
That I am growing older and will some day be  
old.*

*Keep me from getting talkative, and  
Particularly*

*From the habit of thinking that I must say  
Something on every occasion.*

*Release me from craving to try to straighten  
out everybody's affairs.*

*Make me thoughtful, not moody, helpful, but not  
bossy.*

*Seal my lips on my aches and pains;  
They are increasing and my love of rehearsing  
them*

*Is sweeter as the years go by.*

*I ask for grace enough to listen to the tales  
of the other's pains*

*Help me endure them with patience.*

*Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally*

*It is possible that I may be mistaken.*

*Keep me reasonably sweet.*

*I do not want to be a saint.*

*Some of them are so hard to live with;*

*But a sour old person is one of the crowning  
works of the devil.*

*Amen*

## Sharing our own works - works of others

MILDRED BRADDOCK

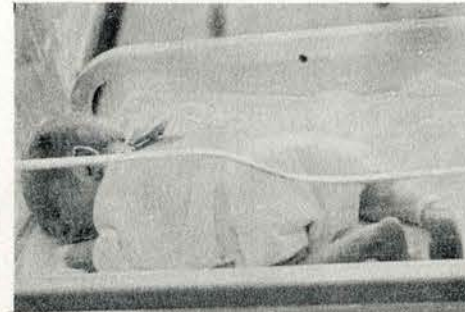
"Prayer" went through many channels before being brought to your editor's desk by Mildred Braddock, Transfer Department. It was brought to Mildred's attention by a friend of hers. Her friend received it through a sister in Tennessee. No telling how many of you will like it and send it on to friends and relatives throughout the country.



## FOR THE.... BULLETIN BOARD

### TRANSFER DEPARTMENT

Eleanor Adock had a busy vacation! Her parents from Gary, Indiana, came down for a week. Between rain showers, she managed to show them St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, and Jax Beach too.....Dottie Pement and Reba Trainor are new employees who are welcomed.



Robert Alan Kalapp was just three days old when this picture was taken of him in his bed at Baptist Memorial Hospital. This is the grandson of Mildred Braddock born September 9. The 6 lb., 12 oz. boy is the son of Ronald Kalapp, Mildred's son, who used to work at BC-BS during the summers.

### IBM DEPARTMENT

Pat Locke and her family drove to New York for a week's vacation, and while there attended her brother's wedding.....Lottie Ashton saw the sights around the State, and just rested at home during her vacation.

### HOSPITAL CLAIMS

Dot Page and Jean Ganas are "experts" No. 1, when it comes to sail-

ing a boat! Not really! But, they can "expertly" make one go round and round in circles!.....A big welcome is extended to Mary Lee Butler and Pat Harger for their recent return from vacation.....Happy to see Edith Bowden back after her recent operation.....A welcome to new employees, Addie Dryden, and Janice Phillips, who is a D.C.T. student.

### TELEPHONE INFORMATION

The girls from Telephone Poole gave their boss, Evelyn Evans, a black purse as a Birthday gift..... Betty Collins was presented a pure silk blouse for her Birthday from the girls in Telephone Poole, Transcribing, and Non-Group Department .....Watch Joyce Hardy! She's attending sewing classes at Paxon Senior High School every Thursday night. Says she loves it, and plans to make many pretty things for Fall .....Another seamstress is Marilyn Davis, who's already made three new dresses for Fall on her new sewing machine.

### ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

As of August 15th, Charlie Webb and his family had a new home in Hyde Park. Charlie says it's wonderful to have so much room. One of the unique features of the house is a large patio opening off the living-room.

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A happy occasion for George Howell! This scene took place , of this year, as George and his bride, Wanda, left the Murrury Hill Baptist Church after their wedding.



## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

### THE NEWLYWED GEORGE HOWELL

We've never seen our Personality of the Month, George Howell, get upset, yet! We wonder how he reacts to burnt toast, that he says his bride of four months serves him quite frequently. In George's quiet, humorus

manner he says, "She may burn my breakfast toast, but her homemade chile is really good."

This January will mark George's fourth year with BC-BS. He is ass-

istant to Adele Graham, Mail Room Supervisor.

Following their wedding, George and his wife, Wanda, bought a three bedroom house in Normandy at . They are especially proud of their yard, which has 20 rose bushes, 15 small Pine trees, four Azalea bushes, and other various plants and flowers. All summer George has been boasting about the swimming pool they have in the side yard. Well, let the truth be known! George says his "swimming pool" is just a manmade storm drain that runs alongside his house.

With a big smile, George says he is a Georgia "cracker". He was born in Swainesboro, Georgia, but has lived in Jacksonville since 1949, except for a couple of years.

George and Wanda share the same interests in recreational activities. They both enjoy sports. Tops on their list are basketball, baseball, and bowling. George bowls for the Blue Cross-Blue shield Men's League and Wanda bowls for her company's league. Wanda is in the IBM Department at Petroleum Carriers. Another pastime of Wanda's is sewing, while George enjoys working in the yard.

George's mother-in-law, Lee Griffis, works here in the Mail Room, and George's sister, Edna Mathis, is Mr. Langston's secretary.

George's final comment about married life is "It's fine, except for bills". Does that sound Familiar?



BEFORE marriage, this would have been a typical picture of George, standing around discussing plans for one of the company's softball games. Pictured with George, who is to the far left of the picture, are (left to right) Charlie Webb, John L. Bentley, and Cecil Rivers.



AFTER a few months of married life, this is a typical scene in the Howell household, as George really enjoys the cake his wife, Wanda, is about to serve him.





## "trick or treat" dance is october 31

When the witches and the goblins are out "haunting" the Jacksonville neighborhoods Hallowe'en night, Blue Cross-Blue Shield employees and their guests will be enjoying themselves at the "Trick or Treat" Dance, being planned by the Entertainment Committee.

Location of the October 31st affair will be at the Friday Musicale Auditorium, which will have a hallowe-'en atmosphere with the typical black cats, witches and pumpkins here and there. Music will be provided by Buddy Shaw and his Chantells from 9 to 1, although dancing to the juke box will begin at 8. The Auditorium's address is 645 Oak Street.

Attire for the dance is optional, but men attending are requested to wear a coat and tie.

Door prizes will be awarded throughout the evening. Two examples of

what will be given away are two tickets to the Florida-Georgia game, and a turkey.

As for refreshments, you'll have to provide your own! Ice and soft drinks will be free to those attending.

Members of the Entertainment Committee are Ina DeVane, Records Department, Chairman; Jim Williams, Services; George Howell, Services; Carver Ricketson, Services; and Joe McCracken, IBM.



## Kitchen Capers

### FROM THE OFFICE TO THE HOME



ETHEL GOSSMAN

When October rolls around, not only do our clothes take on a different appearance, so do our foods, especially desserts. So typical of Fall are pumpkin pie and baked apples!

Ethel Gossman Bank Department, has given us two of her favorite recipes. Notice the pumpkin pie is labeled "plain"? Ethel explained that her husband, Red, does not care for foods that are too spicy, so she adds an excess of cinnamon in place of the other spices some might use. The "Red Cinnamon Apples" are an original of Ethel's.

Ethel has a pet parakeet she's had for eight years. Not only does he say cute things, but Connie Coniaris, Hospital Claims, will acknowledge the fact that the bird carried on a conversation with her over the telephone! Ethel has been at BC-BS for over three years.

### PLAIN PUMPKIN PIE

2 cups pumpkin  
2 eggs  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
3 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 1/2 cups of milk

Mix all ingredients in order given. Pour mixture into unbaked pie crust and bake about 10 minutes in 425° oven. Reduce heat to 350°, and continue baking about 30 minutes.

Ethel Gossman

### RED CINNAMON APPLES

4 apples  
1 cup white sugar  
3/4 cup water  
1/2 cup red cinnamon drops

Core the apples, leaving them whole. Place in cooking pan. Add sugar and water, then sprinkle cinnamon drops over apples. Cook slowly on top of stove, basting with syrup occasionally until apples are tender. Remove apples and continue cooking syrup until it thickens slightly. Place apples on lettuce leaf. Pour a little syrup over each one, and chill until ready to serve. Top with whipped cream.

Ethel Gossman



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### NON-GROUP DEPARTMENT

If nothing more, Virginia Meadows and her family will have pork this winter. Her husband, Joe, by guessing the weight of an 85 pound hog correctly, was presented with one the same size. Virginia says there are about 60 pork chops from the hog. Evelyn Reynolds' husband, Paul, cut up the hog and helped them get it ready for the freezer..... "A boy for me, a girl for you..." That's a familiar line from a song, most of you know. That's exactly what Loretta Cunningham and her husband, Gene, are saying. Loretta wants the girl, and of course, Gene a boy!

### SUBSCRIBERS SERVICE

Just vacation news this month! Martha Harvey and her family enjoyed a week's vacation in the Keys. Her husband, Bill, did most of the fishing, while Martha made Guava jelly. The Guavas used were grown on Martha's very own trees in Marathon..... Frances Tiffany "worked" during her vacation. She cleaned house as though Spring were here!

### SURGICAL CLAIMS

Sue Coverdale is hoping the sun will shine for about two more weeks at Jacksonville Beach, so her vacation will be perfect..... Sara Cox

has a new canary bird. He can't bathe himself yet, but husband Jack sees that he showers every morning (with him)..... With the help of his own four children we're sure Charles Gillespie, Rita's husband, will be the "most-liked" teacher at Landon High School. Rita says their four are giving Dad some tips on how to get along with the student! He's teaching English.

### FIELD OFFICES

A very proud father is Fritz Longley at Orlando! His daughter, Diana, 13 years old, placed third in the recent Junior Olympic State Competition Swim Meet held right here in Jax at the Hendricks Pool.....

Joe McGurrin, Jacksonville, and his wife had a baby boy. The baby's name is Joe too, and weighed eight pounds. This is their third child. They have two girls....

..... Edwina Smith, secretary in the Lakeland Office, was married to Fayne A. Outlaw September 11th at the Skyland Baptist Church in Plant City..... Frances Welch, Miami switchboard operator, and her family vacationed at Weirsdale, Florida, where Frances proudly landed a 10 lb., 2 oz. bass, putting to shame her husband, Darrell, and her three sons, Michael, Mark, and Jonathan. She had her first try at water skiing too! As she put it,

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## August Weds In September



*The two employees from BC-BS participating in Rob August's wedding are pictured here with the bride and bridegroom. To the left is Rufus Todd, Print Shop, and to the far right is Bob Townsend, Mail Room.*

After the double-ring ceremony, a reception was held in Homer Hall at the church. Following the reception, the newlyweds spent the weekend at Jekyll Island in Georgia.

Some 100 guests attended the wedding of Robert August and Gwendolyn McGraw in the Calvary Temple.

Bob is in our Services Department, and has been there since he came to work at Blue Cross-Blue Shield last January. Two other BC-BS employees participated in the wedding. Rufus Todd and Robert Townsend, Services Department, were ushers.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Geo. S. McGraw, at the beginning of the candlelight ceremony, which was held at 8 o'clock in the evening. Her floor-length gown featured billows of nylon ruffles on the skirt.

Presently, they are renting a house at



*Gwen gives Bob a BIG bite of their wedding cake.*





## For the Costume Party

Follow the simple instructions in the story below and you too can make these Hallowe'en costumes for your youngsters. The basis of both patterns are every day dish towels.

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Middle Ages, an apple and a lighted candle were stuck at opposite ends of a stick, which was suspended from the ceiling by a cord. The players --blindfolded, of course! --attempted to grab a bite of the apple without getting singed.

Surprisingly, Hallowe'en was scarcely observed in the United States till the last half of the 19th century. It's thought that the large-scale Irish migration at that time had much to do with popularizing the holiday.

Rather than threaten vengeance for youthful Hallowe'en pranks, more and more communities and neighbor-

hoods have been forestalling them with organized treasure-hunts and block parties. Other aspects of the holiday have a new look as well. Mothers, traditionally called upon to design, fit and tailor costumes, can now get inspiration from an unexpected source. Now, with the simple help of everyday dish towels, the cutest of Hallowe'en costumes can be made in no time at all.

Here are the instructions for stitching three costumes:

### LITTLE CLOWN OUTFIT

6 premium kitchen towels  
elastic tape  
binding tape  
gauze for collar ruff

1. To form back, join 2 towels lengthwise, sewing down approximately 2/3 of length to crotch.
2. To form front, join 2 more towels in same way. If desired, a front opening can be left by beginning stitching about 10" from top.
3. Join front and back sections, stitching top from corners to center 4" for shoulder seams.
4. Join side seams, beginning 8" from top to form armholes, and stitching to lower edge.
5. For sleeves, join 2 towels along both selvages (so that sleeve stripes will run in same direction as body of suit). Cut in half. Gather one end of each half and set in armholes.
6. To complete legs, sew inside of front and back section together as far as crotch.
7. Shirr gauze at neck to form ruff. Stitch 1/2" hem in neck for binding tape tie.
8. Stitch hem at wrists and ankles and insert elastic.

### BIG SULTAN'S OUTFIT

8 premium towels  
elastic tape

1. To form back of coat, join 2 towels lengthwise.
2. Next, join 1 towel to each side, leaving 8" open for armholes.
3. Fold back front sections 2" to form lapels. Join shoulder seams.

They're already to go "trick or treating"! After following the simple directions, these are samples of the finished products.....two darling Hallowe'en costumes for the children.

4. For pants, join 2 pairs of towels lengthwise. Sew along entire outside seam.
5. Stitch inside leg seam from bottom to crotch. Join back from crotch upward to waist. For front, leave 5" or 6" opening at top. Stitch from this point down to crotch.
6. Hem waist and ankles. Insert elastic.

### GYPSY SKIRT

6 premium towels  
2 premium face cloths  
trim

1. Join 6 towels lengthwise to form circle. Hem and insert elastic at waist.
2. Decorate base of skirt with fancy stitching and decorative trim (use rickrack, bias binding, curtain edging, etc.).
3. For pockets, place face cloths diagonally toward top of skirt. Stitch to skirt at side and bottom.





## Best Wishes to Those With Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

### Birthdays

Garnet Cooper, Subscribers Service  
 Louise Atkinson, Subscribers Service  
 Dean Cagle, Claims  
 Carol Kirkland, Mr. McGurkin's Office  
 Louise Gregory, Medicare  
 Joyce Witt, Subscribers Service  
 Arlene Mikell, Services  
 Cleone Dodd, Subscribers Service  
 Eleanor Adcock, Subscribers Service  
 Mattie Godwin, Records  
 Addie Dryden, Claims  
 Connie Goodwin, Subscribers Service  
 Howard Land, Hospital Relations  
 Bill Opper, Miami  
 Barbara Mims, Subscribers Service  
 Grace James, Subscribers Service  
 Delphaine Detrick, Claims  
 Jackie McDowell, IBM  
 Ela Walters, Claims  
 Edith White, IBM  
 Trudie Driggers, Enrollment  
 Ruby Wells, St. Petersburg  
 Noma Higginbotham, Claims  
 Chris Betros, Claims



### Anniversaries

✓ 10 Years	Jack Bond, St. Petersburg	11/14
✓ 8 Years	Johnny Johnson, Claims Consultant	11/22
	Jimmy Williams, Services	11/5
7 Years	✓ Andrew James, Night Porter	11/9
	Dorothy Page, Claims	11/3
	Alma Sams, IBM	11/10
✓ 6 Years	✓ Evelyn Reynolds, Non-Group	11/28
	Don Huguenot, Miami	11/2
	Emily Tillman, Services	11/24
4 Years	Betty Roberts, Subscribers Service	11/3
	✓ Carol Hicks, Ft. Lauderdale	11/7
	✓ Effie Cureton, Tallahassee	11/28
3 Years	Eleanor Adcock, Subscribers Service	11/27
	Josephine Baggett, Subscribers Service	11/27
	Helen LiBrandt, Subscribers Service	11/27
2 Years	David Austin, IBM	11/4
	✓ Hal Hamilton, St. Petersburg	11/4
	✓ Eunic Turner, Telephone Information	11/4
	Olga Gerrish, Records	11/12
	Ona Myrick, Services	11/18
	Earline Ihler, Claims	11/20
	Gloria Lankford, Subscribers Service	11/26
1 Year	Barbara Blackstone, Claims	11/11
	Barbara Padgett, Claims Consultant	11/17
	✓ Bill Traylor, Ft. Lauderdale	11/17
	James Moore, Orlando	11/24
	Henry Holcomb, Day Porter	11/26

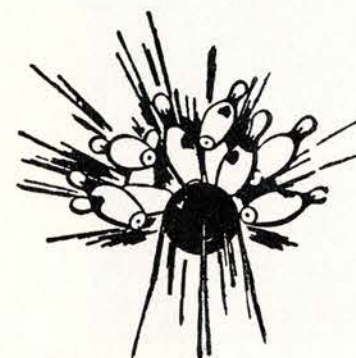
## EARLINE IHLER MAKES HIGH SCORE

Last month Earline Ihler was presented a trophy for having bowled the highest game of the season. Her winning score was 243.



The trophy Earline Ihler, Hospital Claims, is holding is the one presented to her last month for bowling the highest game all season. Her score for the winning game was 243.

BC-BS has two girls' bowling teams, the "Jacks" and the "Jills". Earline is on the "Jills" team. Since the 15th of last month, a new league began, which will last for 35 weeks. Earline has been elected secretary of the eight teams competing. They bowl every Tuesday night at the Cedar Hills Bowl-O-Matic. At the conclusion of the league, the "Jills" placed second, and "Jacks" were rated fifth, out of the six teams in the league. Earline said the "Jills" missed first place by 13 pins.



Next month, Earline will be celebrating her second year with BC-BS. She's in the Hospital Claims Department.

Next to bowling, Earline enjoys baseball, but especially likes to dance. Her husband, Jimmy, shares her interest in dancing. Jimmy was in the Navy until September 28th, when he received his discharge. From February until the first of last month, Jimmy spent time on the USS Roosevelt in the Med.

Earline is originally from Mobile, Alabama, and has been in Jacksonville two years. She is presently treasurer of the Employees' Club.



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"I took some of the most beautiful flops you've ever seen." Incidentally, this was the exact place she and Darrell met 20 years ago..... Also, from Miami, comes the news that Bill Opper and Betty had a vacation they'll long remember. They took a cruise through the West Indies, stopping at Port Antonio, Kingston (Jamaica), Port-Au-Prince (Haiti) and Nassau in the Bahamas.....

Arlie Emsley's daughter, Betty Jane, was married to Gayle T. Evans

at the Flagler St. Baptist Church. Here we see the bride and groom with their parents. Left to right they are Mr. Emsley, Arlie, Betty Jane, Gayle, and Mr. and Mrs. Evans. Arlie is our Miami receptionist.



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Some 4,600 miles were driven by Doyal Pinkard, Miami Office, on his vacation up the Atlantic coast. He and his wife, Tommie, spent the vacation time with son Christouring the coastline states. Doyal even stopped off in the Boston BC-BS office to visit, since he had previously worked there.....Eating and sleeping is all Ilene Gladson and her husband, John, did on their vacation while in the northern part of the state. Ilene is at the Miami Office.

### SERVICES DEPARTMENT

One of our night janitors Samuel Fowler, should be recognized for his honesty. Last month, while cleaning, he found a billfold that

## Answers to Split Personalities

Now, that you've tried to guess who the "split" personalities are, let's check your answers. Did you fill in all the blanks?

Going by number, they are as follows:

1. UPPER: Jim Hopper, Representative  
LOWER: Dick Hadaway, Representative
2. UPPER: Ina DeVane, Records  
LOWER: Mary Bell, Billing
3. UPPER: Marion Fisher, Enrollment  
LOWER: Earline Ihler, Hospital Claims
4. UPPER: Jim Geer, Subscribers Service  
LOWER: Hal Adams, IBM
5. UPPER: Ruby Vile, Records  
LOWER: Edna Mathis, Mr. Langston's Office
6. UPPER: Jean Ganas, Hospital Claims  
LOWER: Mattie Godwin, Records
7. UPPER: C.O. Langston, Services  
LOWER: Whalen Strobhar, St. Petersburg Office
8. UPPER: Jane Halter, Surgical Claims  
LOWER: Eunice Turner, Switchboard
9. UPPER: Veronica Wright, Accounting  
LOWER: Betty White, Mr. Schroder's Office

## The FACTS of HEALTH



Forty years ago, one in every 10 babies born alive in this country was unable to survive the first year. Today the ratio has dropped to one in 40.

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On the average, more men than woman are admitted to mental hospitals in a given year.

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New-born babies shed few if any tears when they cry. Their tear ducts do not contain tears before and shortly after birth.

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The skin of the average person weighs about 20 pounds.

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A total of 138 miles of tubing are compressed into fist-sized, half-pound organs known as the kidneys.

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10. UPPER: Jim Gibbons, Subscribers Service  
LOWER: George Patrinely, IBM
11. UPPER: Carver Ricketson, Services  
LOWER: Johnny Johnson, Claims Consultant



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belonged to an employee, and the next morning the worried employee was quite relieved to have her billfold back, and all her money there, too.....C.O. Longston has always dreamed of a trip over the new Turn Pike to Miami. His dream came true last month. Via the Turn Pike, he was able to make the trip in eight hours. While in Miami, he visited with our Branch Personnel.....Carver Ricketson went back to his hometown of Baxley, Georgia, for his vacation.....We're happy to have Frances Wylds back after her recent illness.



*Barbara Daniels, from our Records Department, is the new reporter for NEWS OF THE BLUES. Barbara has been in the Records Department since she has been at BC-BS, which is a year and a half.*

### RECORDS DEPARTMENT

Tabita Knezha won a service for 12 of stainless steel September 16, while playing Bingo at Jax NAS. Tabita says this will come in handy, since her wedding is only a few weeks off....."Kissing" cousins and everyone else were at last month's family reunion for Ruby Vile's family in Waycross, Georgia.....Getting a daughter off to college is no easy task, as some of you know! Alice Mansfield spent her whole vacation getting hers ready for entrance at FSU.



*"It's a boy!" is what Gary Bowden, from the Stock Room, is saying. The baby, Gary Keith, was born , at St. Luke's Hospital. Daddy Bowden was handing out cigars to all the male BC-BS employees. Gary and his wife, Minnie, are really proud of their first baby that weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces.*

*"Martha, Martha! I've won the Irish Sweepstakes.....\$65,000!" cried the poor meek little husband, whose wife administered his paycheck. "Ah... ..ha! And where did you get the money for the ticket?"*

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*Two ragged beatniks were sitting on a small pier in the Florida Everglades, dangling their feet in the stagnant water. Suddenly, an alligator swam up and snapped a leg off one of them. "Hey, Man" the unfortunate fellow said to his buddy, "like an alligator just bit off my leg". "Which one?" asked the cool friend. "I dunno," said the first cat. "You see one alligator, you see 'em all."*

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*Hubby: Some day, beloved, I shall die and leave you.  
She (tenderly): How much.*

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*Two husbands were discussing their status at home.  
Said one:  
"I am the boss in my house. Last night, for example, there was no hot water when I wanted some, so I raised the roof. And, believe me, I got lots of hot water---in a hurry."  
Then, after a pause, he added:  
"I hate to wash dishes in cold water."*

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*"How come you don't go with Toots any more?"  
"Oh, I couldn't stand her vulgar laughter."  
"I never noticed it."  
"You weren't there when I proposed."*



